

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed on May 25, 2004, the Examiner requested information under 37 C.F.R. §1.105 pursuant to the Remand under 37 C.F.R. §1.193 (b)(1) by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 31, 2004. As noted by the Examiner, the background section of the present specification refers to prior techniques including the need for consultation with multiple clinicians during an electrophysiology procedure and that fax machines were previously employed to provide consultation from physicians at remote locations. The Examiner requested citation to references in support of these statements such that the extent of the prior art, as it relates to the claimed invention, can be fully ascertained.

After a reasonable search, Applicants are unable to provide one or more publications describing these prior techniques. However, Applicants respectfully submit that these prior techniques are generally known to those skilled in the art, and that those skilled in the art would fully appreciate that fax machines provide the known techniques for sharing data and consultation notes from a remote location. As such, Applicants are fully aware that such techniques constitute prior art against the present application. However, these prior art techniques do not disclose many of the features recited in the present claims. Specifically, as discussed at length throughout the prosecution history of the present application, claims 1 and 13 each recite, in relevant part, a method of accessing a study record taken during a cardiac catheterization procedure, comprising the acts of transmitting data from a catheter to a data collection device, transmitting the data from the data collection device to a central publisher, replicating the data, transmitting the replicated data from the central publisher to a plurality of client workstations, and simultaneously displaying the data on the plurality of client workstations. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the prior art

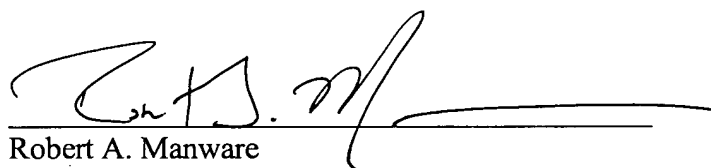
references, including such techniques as described in the background of the present application, disclose each of these features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully maintain that the present claims are currently in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections and allowance of claims 1-24. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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